GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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SCARCITY OF WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tata Energy Research Institute has revealed that there will be shortage of water in most parts of the country in coming years;

(b) if so, whether the efforts made by the Government to augment more resources to meet water scarcity have been proved ineffective; and

(c) if so, the facts thereof and the steps the Government proposes to take to overcome the shortage of water in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) In some of the reports of Tata Energy Research Institute renamed as The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) there are references to reducing per capita water availability in view of population growth and uneven distribution of water temporarily and spatially. However, the assessment made in one of the reports that the per capita water availability in India will be less than 750 cubic metre by 2050 is not supported by any analytical details. The National Commission for Integrated Water Resources Development Plan has concluded that the population of India will be 1640 million by the year 2050 and accordingly the per capita water availability has been worked out as 1140 cubic metre.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.